

REMARKS

Claims 6-9, 12, 14-15 and 17-25 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 8 and 12 are amended, and claims 20-25 are added. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks Examiner Leung for the courtesy extending to Applicant's representative during the June 24, 2003 personal interview. During the personal interview, various features of the invention that distinguish the invention from the applied references were discussed. Applicant's separate summary of the substance of the personal interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

I. Claim Rejection 35 U.S.C. §112

The Advisory Action rejects a portion of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed in the personal interview, Applicant has adopted the Examiner's suggestion to amend claim 8 to overcome the claim rejection. Accordingly, the claim rejection should be withdrawn.

II. Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. §103**Yoshimura, Jailer and White**

The Office Action rejects claims 6-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over U.S. Patent No. 4,314,126 to Yoshimura et al. (hereinafter "Yoshimura") or U.S. Patent No. 4,418,261 to Jailer et al. (hereinafter "Jailer") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,327,274 to White et al. (hereinafter "White"). The Office Action also rejects claims 12-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over White in view of Jailer. Because claims 10, 11, 13 and 16 are cancelled, the rejection thereto is moot. This rejection is respectfully traversed as applied to claims 6-9, 12, 14-15 and 17-19.

As discussed in the personal interview, claim 6 is in allowable condition. Claims 7-9 are allowable at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 6, from which they depend, as well as for their added features. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 6-9 over Yoshimura or Jailer in view of White be withdrawn.

As discussed in the personal interview, Applicant has adopted the Examiner's suggested amendment to overcome the rejection of claim 12. Claims 14-15 and 17-19 are allowable at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claim 12, from which they depend, as well as for their added features. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 12, 14-15 and 17-19 over Yoshimura or Jailer, in view of White, and over White in view of Jailer be withdrawn.

III. New Claims

By this Amendment, claims 20-25 are added to the application. Claim 20 sets forth, in part, a microwave oven comprising a cooling air flow path between an inlet port and an outlet port defining a substantially straight line therebetween. As discussed in the personal interview, new claims 20-25 distinguish over the cited references. Accordingly, claims 20-25 should be in allowable condition. Prompt examination and allowance in due course are respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, Randall H. Cherry, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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